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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of)
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Serial No.: 09/360,068)
Filed: July 23, 1999)

FOR: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
ESTABLISHING A SECURE SMART
CARD COMMUNICATION LINK
THROUGH A COMMUNICATION
NETWORK

Group Art Unit: 2131

RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT

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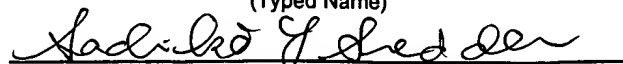
This is in response to the Office Action dated June 20, 2003. The Examiner has issued a restriction requirement indicating that election must be made of either the invention of Group I Claims 36-40, the invention of Group II Claims 1-35, the invention of Group III Claims 41-48 and 54-58 or the invention of Group IV Claims 49-53. By this Response, Applicants elect the claims of Group II Claims 1-35 for examination.

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By this election, and in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.142(b), the claims of Groups I, III and IV are withdrawn. Applicants reserve the right to file a Divisional application on the claims of Groups I, III and IV and Claims 36-40, 41-48, 54-58 and 49-53.

Respectfully submitted,

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